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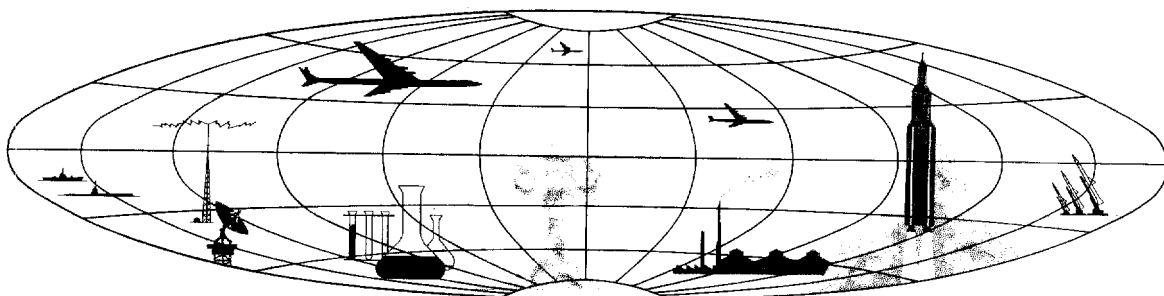
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS

(50-43N 116-10E)

BEZRECHNAYA, CHITINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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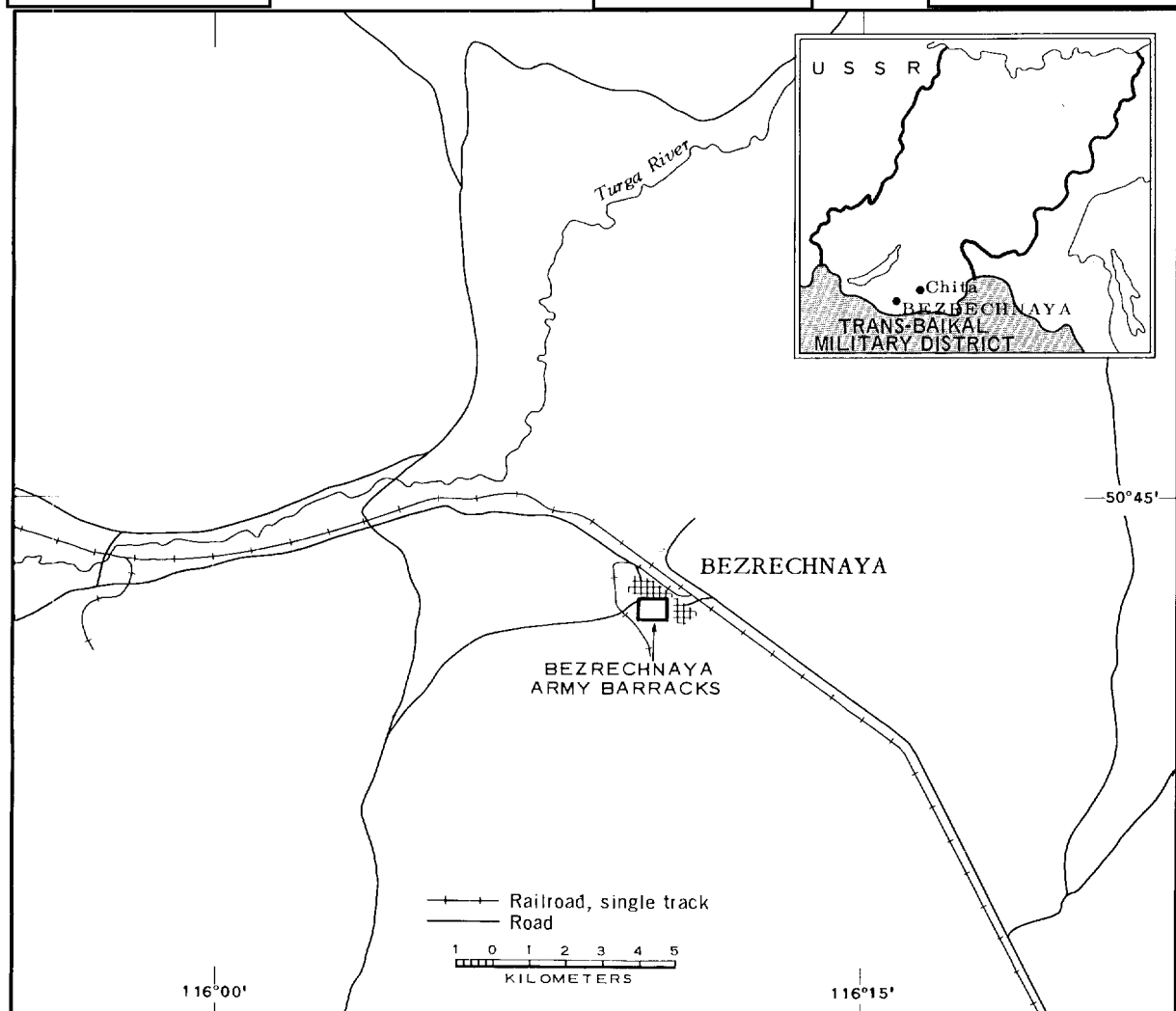


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS.

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SUMMARY

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Bezrechnaya Army Barracks is located 42 km northwest of Borzaya, 235 km southwest of Chita and 7 km east of the Mirnaya (Radost) Military Installation. The complex is served by a spur of the Chita-Otpor line of the Trans-Siberian railroad and by a probable hard-surface, all-weather road. Air transport access is provided by the Khada Bulak Station North Airfield (50-45N 116-11E), located 3 km north of the installation.

The installation is the most active and extensive ground force military complex that has been identified in the Transbaikal Military District. It covers approximately 2,000 acres and consists of a large billeting and support facility containing 388 major buildings, including five large administration, 63 administrative/barracks, 55 barracks, 111 storage, 73 general support, and 41 vehicle or equipment maintenance and storage-related buildings. The

installation also includes 30 probable officers/dependents quarters.

An extensive training area adjoins the billeting and support facility to the southwest and southeast. It contains tank/SP-gun moving target firing ranges, wheeled- and tracked-vehicle driver training courses, probable artillery battery emplacements, a flat trajectory range and an extensive maneuver area. Comparative photography indicates extensive training is carried on throughout the installation year round. Some seasonal variation in activity is implied in the degree of scarring noted in the maneuver area. The installation shows no apparent change in facilities since its initial coverage in [REDACTED]. Coverage in [REDACTED] indicates full occupancy of the installation billeting areas and use of the tank/SP-gun firing ranges and tracked-vehicle driver training courses.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A single spur leads to a double-secured area with possible off-loading docks.

Road Service

The installation has direct access to a probable hard-surface, all-weather road connecting the installation to points north and south. Improved trails and secondary roads connect the installation to the surrounding area.

Aircraft Landing Strips

The installation has no air facilities; however, there is direct road access to the Khada Bulak Station North Airfield, 3 km north.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1, the principal billeting area, contains one administration, one administration/barracks, 44 barracks and five support buildings.

Area D2, the probable headquarters area, contains four administration, two administration/barracks, and 11 barracks buildings.

Area D3, probable officers/dependents housing, contains 30 small individual dwellings. Area D4, with a possible support function, contains 13 administrative buildings/barracks and five support buildings. Area D5 contains 26 administrative buildings/barracks and two possible support and two possible storage buildings. Area D6 contains 15 administrative build-

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ings/barracks, one support building, and four possible support buildings. Area D7, within a walled compound, contains 11 administrative buildings/barracks.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 has 25 general storage buildings. Loop roads and probable loading platforms are evident in the area, which probably is not for munitions storage. There is active road traffic to the training area.

Area E2 has 28 general storage buildings spaced in four rows and five administration buildings/barracks. The lack of dispersal and revetting suggest conventional general quarter-master storage rather than munitions. Buildings range in size from 95 by 35 feet to 140 by 60 feet.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F, a possible ammunition storage area, has one 105- by 45-foot building, seven 45- by 35-foot buildings, five 160- by 50-foot buildings, and two 110- by 60-foot buildings. The area is road served and double fenced, and the buildings are dispersed but not revetted. The traffic pattern connects to all firing areas. The major ammunition resupply function is probably carried out by the Byrka Ammunition Depot (50-43N 115-56E) 15 km west.

POL Storage Area

Undetermined due to scale of photography. Resupply from possible regional depots, such as Otpor (49-38N 117-19E) and Aleksandrovka (51-47N 113-48E), can be carried out by rail.

Other Buildings

Area H contains 47 general support buildings, probable shops, and maintenance elements. Sixteen of the support buildings within the fenced

area may serve as wheeled-vehicle maintenance and storage.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains 32 buildings with the following dimensions: one 145 by 40 feet, one 130 by 65 feet, one 145 by 60 feet, one 170 by 55 feet, one 215 by 40 feet, five 130 by 65 feet, thirteen 55 by 40 feet, one 240 by 80 feet, three 160 by 55 feet, one 190 by 25 feet, one 175 by 70 feet, two 100 by 40 feet, and one 320 by 30 feet.

Portions of the area are walled and contain open storage space. The traffic pattern indicates the area is used for probable tracked vehicle maintenance.

Area J2 contains 15 buildings with the following dimensions: two 150 by 35 feet, two 210 by 50 feet, two 150 by 35 feet and nine 35 by 20 feet. The area includes open storage space containing possible rows of parked vehicles. A lighter trackage pattern and proximity to range support facility suggest it is a possible artillery and wheeled-vehicle park.

Athletic Field

A possible drill and athletic area is located south of Area D2.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Area L1 contains five possible subcaliber, known-distance tank firing ranges (with standard revetted butts and side walls) 360 by 90 feet, 360 by 75 feet, and 290 by 75 feet.

Area L2 contains a 200- by 60-foot revetted-butt and side-wall range.

Area L3 contains a 330- by 85-foot revetted-butt and side-wall range.

All ranges appear more active during summer training cycle.

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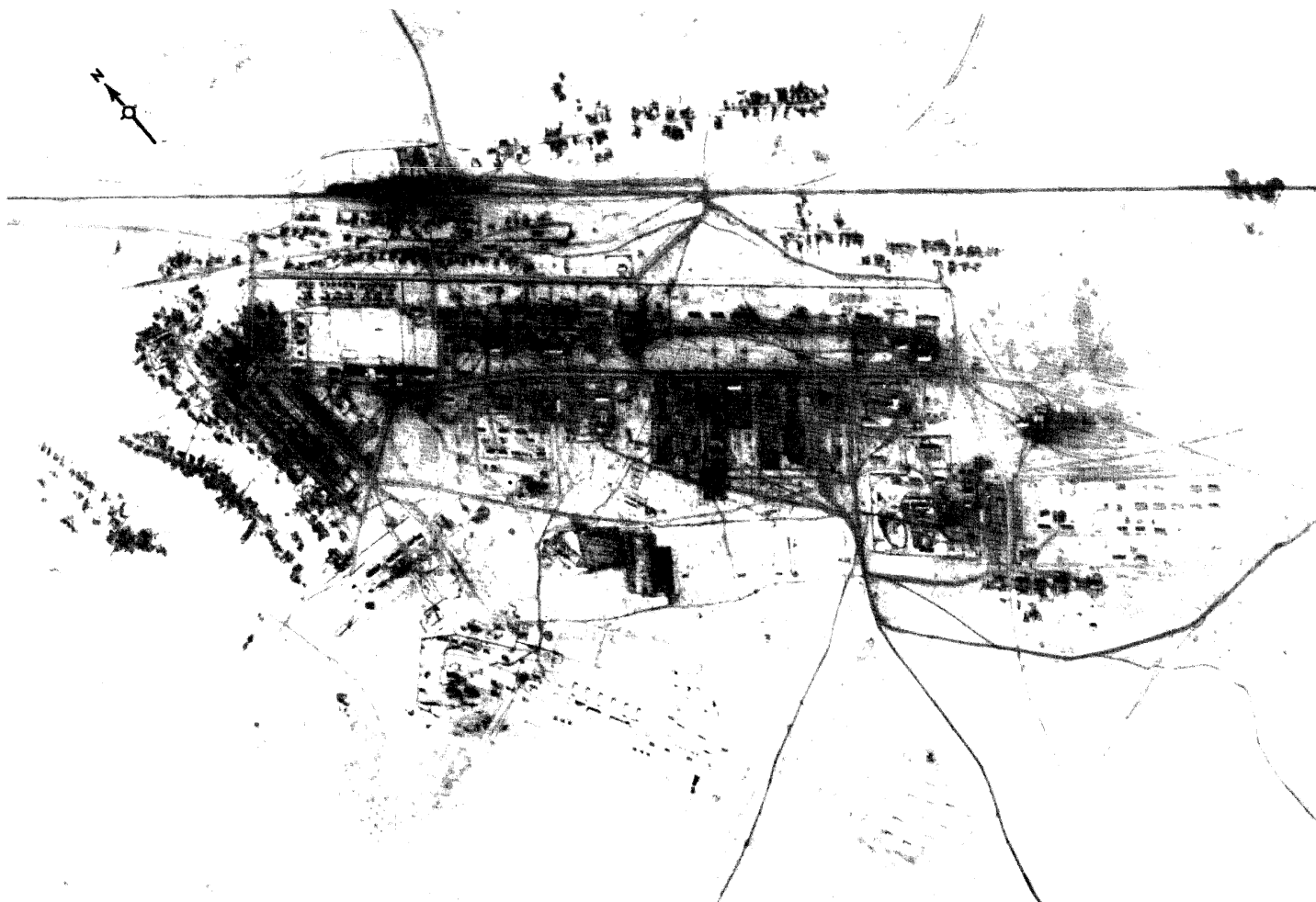


FIGURE 2. BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS, USSR,

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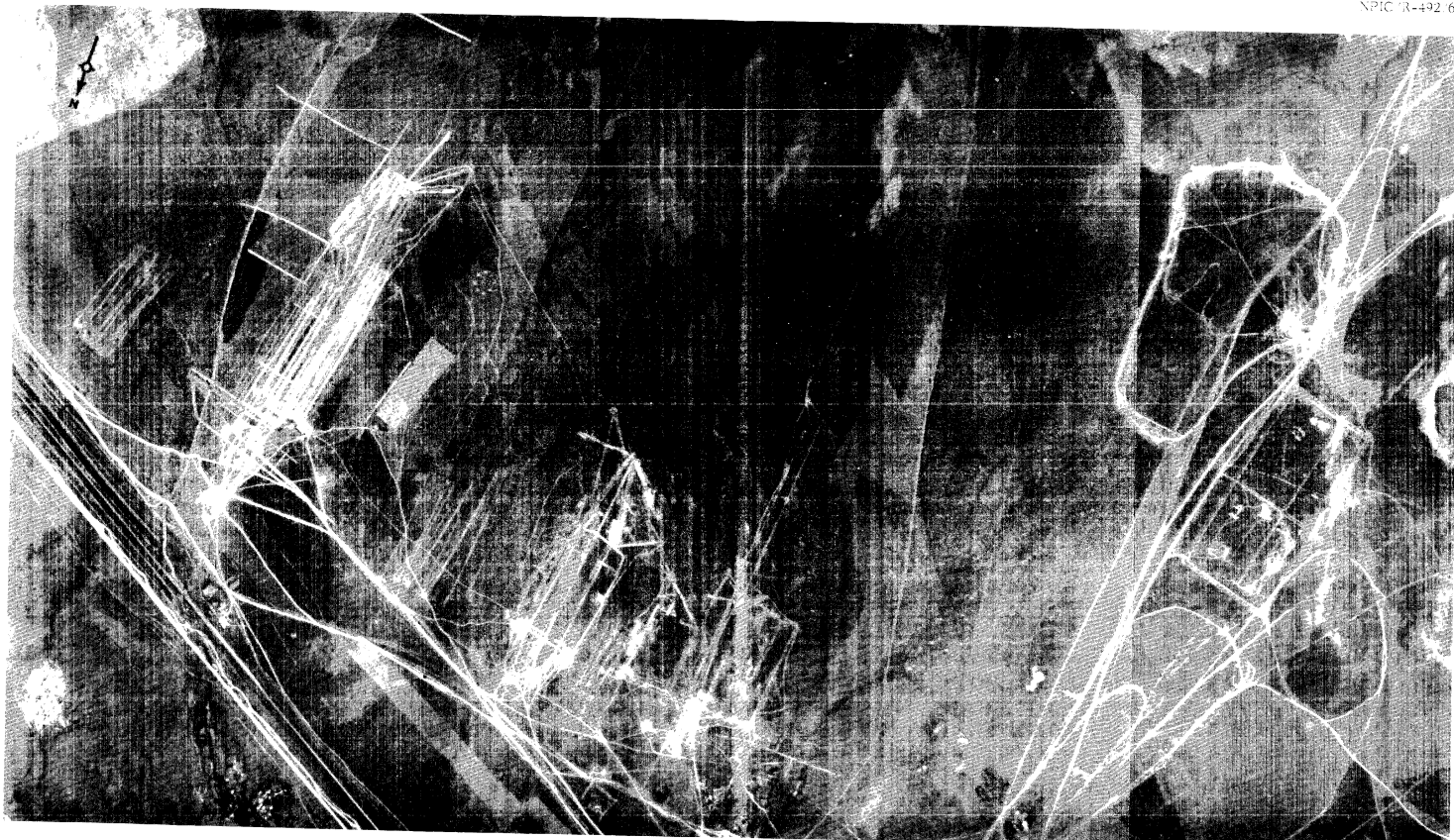


FIGURE 4. TRAINING AREA, BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS.

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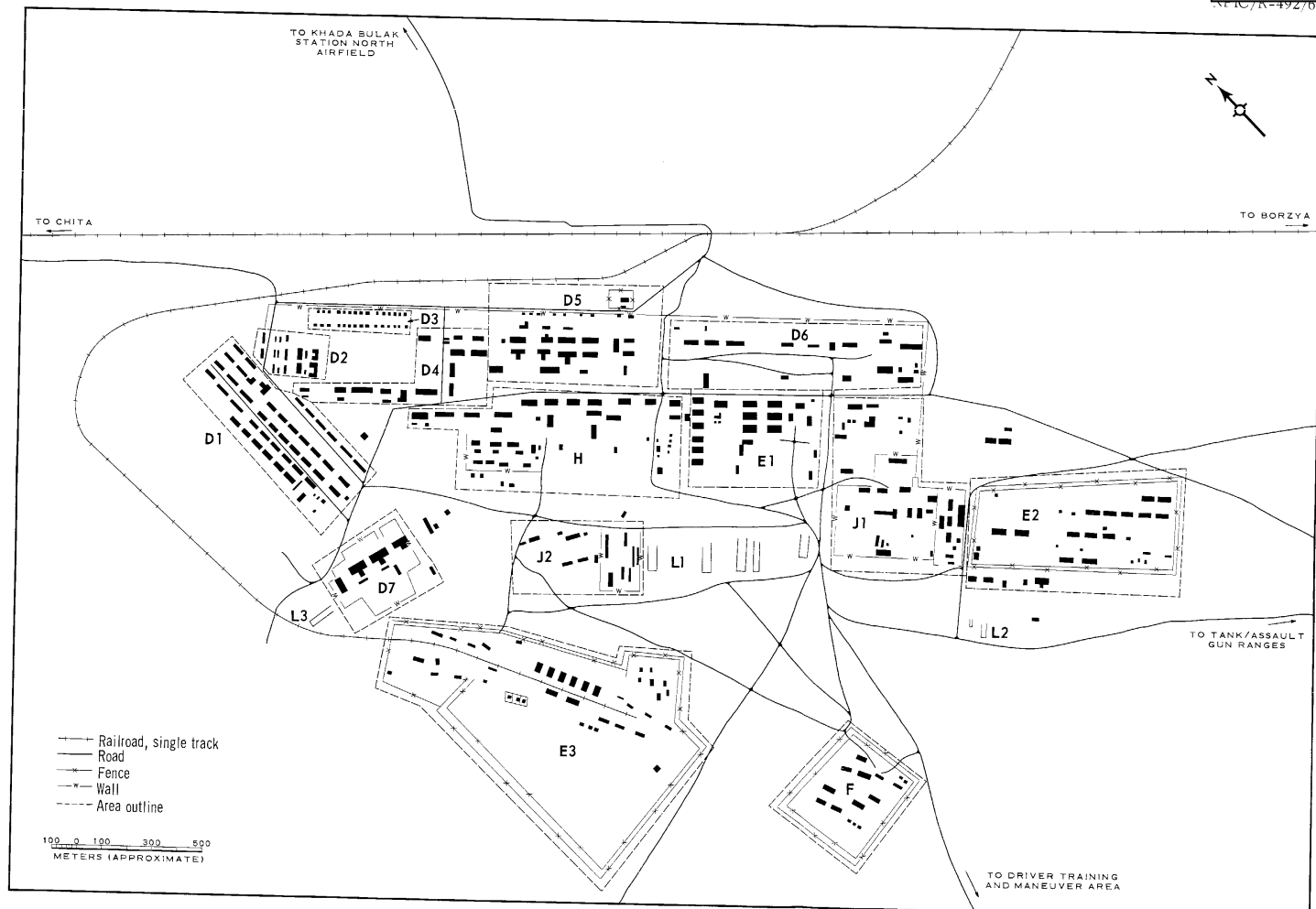


FIGURE 3. BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled from [redacted]

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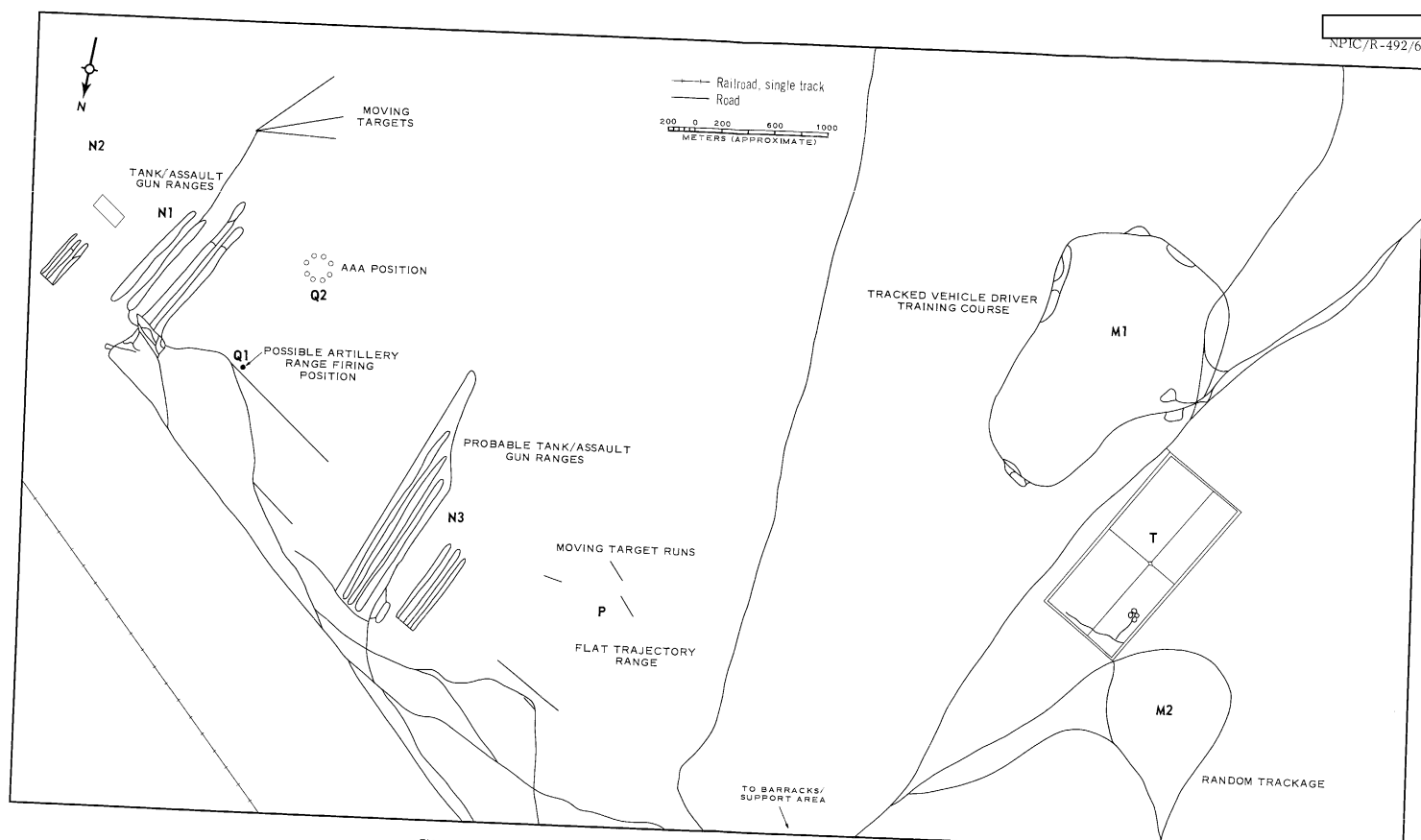
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FIGURE 5. TRAINING AREA, BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled from

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Driver Training Areas

Area M1 contains a tracked driver-training area, a closed circuit course with seven small loops. There is no identifiable evidence of firing. The configuration suggests a possible crew training course. Mission [] indicates winter activity.

Area M2 contains extensive random track activity indicating a probable basic driver familiarization course.

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Tank/Assault Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 contains a 3,000-foot tank/assault gun firing range with four lanes 700 feet long and three moving targets. Mission [] indicates three lanes were active in the winter []

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Area N2 contains a tank/assault gun firing range with three lanes each 575 feet long. The targets are possibly fixed.

Area N3 contains a 14,000 foot probable subcaliber range with three 680-foot lanes and an undetermined number of targets.

Area N4 contains a probable subcaliber range with three 330-foot lanes and an undetermined number of targets.

Flat Trajectory Firing Ranges

Area P contains a 580-foot firing range with three moving target runs. Two possible range control towers are behind the static firing lines.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

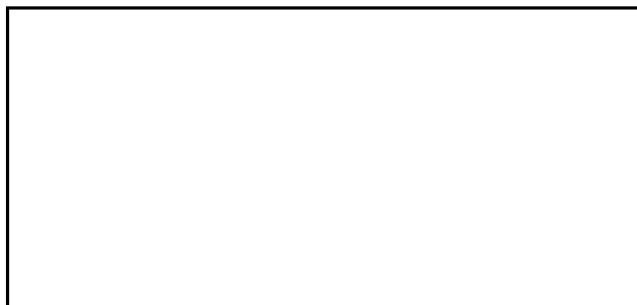
Area Q1 contains a possible field artillery emplacement with an undetermined number of positions. The probable static firing line is oriented perpendicular to the impact area.

Area Q2 contains an unoccupied AAA emplacement with eight firing positions.

Infantry or Combined Arms Field Training Area or Courses

Area R contains extensive trackage and infantry trench emplacements throughout. There are no identifiable formal courses. Random trackage patterns are observed.

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